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Dear Harold,

This letter will have to be handwritten because the girl who does my typing is going off on vacation for three weeks and I don't want my reply to your 6/21 not to wait that long. So I'll have to plague you with deciphering my handwriting, as the lesser evil.

I'm sorry you had no time during your lightning trip to New York (if travelling by bus can be called that) to phone me. But there will be occasions in the future (near I hope) for us to get together. If Freda and I come down to Washington at all this summer will make time to get out to see you and Lil and we'll let you know when we're coming.

I do hope your negotiations with the German publisher ~~prove~~ prove fruitful and that you beat the others & get out a book which sells well and from which you get what you should. And if I can help let me know.

As for Norman & those unrelated ~~conservatives~~ Conservatives, if not reactionaries, Burger & Powell, all I can say is that Powell surprises me pleasantly occasionally; Burger never does, he is consistently bad. In fact the two worst judges on the bench now are Burger & Rehnquist, true followers of Nixon through thick & thin, through break-ins & bugs.

The Watergate hearings fascinate me, not just in terms of their disclosures but also because of their ~~one~~ anomalies. How could Ervin praise Magruder ~~when~~ after the latter ~~tries~~ had tried to justify his involvement in breakins and illegal wiretaps and in obstruction of justice by saying he was following the example of his former teacher Coffin who defied the law by advising objectors to the Vietnam War to burn their draft cards? Why did no one point out that the only way persons objecting to the *government's* murderous Vietnam actions was by *public* defiance of its atrocious conduct, while he, Magruder, was engaging in *secret* criminal activities? Why did no one point out the Coffin was acting as a private citizen who could object to government conduct as evil law but Magruder was a government worker, or had been, and was supposedly working to secure compliance with law? He was a shepherd who ~~destro~~ helped destroy the flock he was supposed to guard, the laws and Constitution. Coffin was a simple member of the flock who sought to change the conduct of the shepherd, the establisher & enforcer of the law.

Please let me know what happens in the FBI suit.

Good luck in everything, book, weather, health etc.

Sincerely
Sol H